With deadline approaching **Nearly 50 on Ballot So Far**

By Wade Daffron TJ Editor

At the end of 2021, nearly 50 people had declared candidacy to appear on the ballot for the upcoming Primary Election.

The Russell County Judge Executive's race has seen the most interest with seven candidates filing for that office as of presstime.

Four people are seeking the office of Russell Court Clerk.

At the December meeting of the Russell County Fiscal Court, current Clerk Sue Popplewell Brockman said she did not intend to seek office again, and was commended by the court for her service.

Jamestown City Councilman Barry Coffey recently filed papers to lead the city after Mayor Nick Shearer announced his resignation to accept a leadership position with the Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency.

At a recent council meeting, Coffey said he would no longer seek the mayor's office, and would support fellow council member Regena Hinton as Shearer's replacement.

Current State Representative Josh Branscum filed his paperwork to continue serving Russell, Cumberland, and part of Pulaski Counties.

According to the Secretary of State's office, two people have filed for the office of Russell Circuit Judge.

Current Russell County

Commonwealth Attorney Matthew Leveridge, of Jamestown, declared his candidacy for Circuit Judge, and Sarah Beth Gregory, of Monticello, who serves as Chief of Staff for Kentucky State Auditor Mike Harmon, filed papers for Circuit Judge.

The office of Circuit Judge for the 57th Judicial Circuit, comprised of Russell and Wayne Counties, is presently held by Chief Circuit Judge Vernon Miniard Jr.

Present 57th Circuit Family Court Judge Jennifer Upchurch Edwards, who represents Russell and Wayne Counties, filed for reelection with the Secretary of State's office in Frankfort.

Incumbent 40th District Judge Scarlett B. Latham earlier announced her intention for re-election.

Latham, and sitting Chief District Judge James M. Lawson represent Russell, Wayne, and Clinton Counties.

In the Third Appellate Court District, which includes Russell County, both Jacqueline Caldwell and James H Lambert have field their paperwork with the Secretary of State.

The pool of candidates for local/area offices now contains approximately 45 people.

Information provided by the offices of Russell County Clerk Sue Popplewell Brockman/Kentucky Secretary of State Michael G. Adams include the following candidates: Russell County Circuit Judge Matthew Leveridge Sara Beth Gregory

Family Court Judge Jennifer Upchurch Edwards

Russell District Judge Scarlett B. Latham

Third District Court of Appeals Jacqueline Caldwell James H. Lambert

83rd Representative District Josh Branscum

County Judge Executive Clarissa "Moochie" Hart Clete McAninch Landon C. Helm Patrick Loy Brad Burch Benny Joe Smith Randy Marcum

Russell County Clerk Sherita Medaris Patty Glover Amy Riggins Melson Kim Kempf Fenske

Russell County PVA Tim Popplewell

Russell County Jailer Bobby Dunbar

Russell County Coroner Mark Coots

Russell County Attorney Kevin Shearer

Russell County Sheriff Derek Polston Nick Bertram

Russell County Magistrate, District 1 Terry Waddell

Russell County Constable, District 1

Jeffrey Aaron Keith Scholl

Russell County Magistrate, District 2 Mickey Garner

Russell County Constable, District 2 Paula Glover Mann

Russell County Magistrate, District 3 Zachary Wilson Chase Antle Barry Flatt

Russell County Constable, District 3 Kenny Luttrell

Russell County Magistrate, District 4 Steve Richardson Robert Curtis Coppage Travis Dixon

Russell County Constable, District 4 Greg Hammond John Wayne Grimsely Dustin Posey

Russell County Magistrate, District 5 Vince P. White Ryan Vaughan Larry D. Skaggs

Russell County Constable, District 5 Richard Wooldridge

Mayor of Jamestown Richard Bennett Barry Coffey

Those interested in seeking office have until this Friday, January 7 to file the appropriate paperwork.

The deadline has passed for those wishing to change political parties in order to vote in the 2022 Primary Election.



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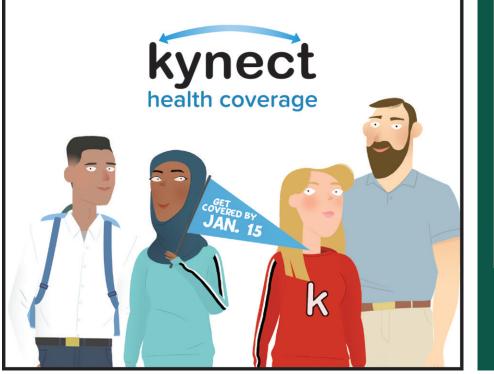
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